

SENATE No. 1906

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to provide identification to homeless youth and families.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Harriette L. Chandler</i> | <i>First Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/25/2017</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i> | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i> | <i>1/25/2017</i> |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i> | <i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i> | <i>1/27/2017</i> |
| <i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i> | <i>10th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2017</i> |
| <i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i> | <i>Worcester and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/1/2017</i> |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>William N. Brownsberger</i> | <i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i> | <i>11/28/2017</i> |

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to provide identification to homeless youth and families.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The third sentence of the first paragraph of section 8E of chapter 90 of the
2 General Laws, as amended by section 57 of chapter 133 of the acts of 2016, is hereby amended
3 by inserting after the word "cards" the following words:—

4 "including an exceptions process by which a person who is homeless, an unaccompanied
5 homeless youth, or a person who is otherwise unable to meet the established criteria may apply
6 for a Massachusetts identification card and have the fee, for the same, waived. For the purposes
7 of this section, the term "homeless", shall mean a person as defined by the Stewart B. McKinney
8 Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, § 103(a), 42 U.S.C. § 11302(a), as amended from time to
9 time, and the term "unaccompanied homeless youth", shall mean a person 24 years of age or
10 younger who is not in the physical custody or care of a parent or legal guardian and who lacks a
11 fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence."